

## NCPV Hotline — Week of March 1-9, 2007

### Weekly News Items

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The National Center for Photovoltaics (NCPV), the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's (NREL's) center for PV research maintains an international communications system called the NCPV Hotline. The Hotline increases knowledge and awareness of PV industry and research happenings. Hotline participants receive important news items via email related to PV activities around the world. The contents have been relatively uncensored, because we depend on the good judgment of the contributors to separate fact from rumor.

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### 3-1-07 First Solar President

First Solar, Inc. announced that Bruce Sohn has joined the company as President. Mr. Sohn was formerly a senior executive at Intel Corporation and has served on the Board of Directors of First Solar since 2003. He reports to Mike Ahearn, CEO. Press at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/newsNACO532.htm>

First Solar press:

<http://investor.firstsolar.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=232051>

First Solar: <http://www.firstsolar.com/>

### 3-1-07 SolarWorld Factory in Oregon / California Expansion

See the press "SolarWorld Group to Build America's Largest Solar Factory in the USA", including "SolarWorld production to exceed Gigawatt mark globally by 2010", at SolarWorld:

<http://www.solarworld.de/sw-eng/presse-adhoc/index.php> and

<http://www.faz.net/d/invest/meldung.aspx?id=42513636>

Photos: <http://www.solarworld.de/oregon/>

### 3-1-07 SPG Solar PV System for Wine Services, California

SPG Solar, Inc. announced the completion of phase III of the 827 kWdc PV system for Western Wine Services in Napa Valley, California. Story and photo at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B9A74DC81%2D9F19%2D465C%2DBDF7%2DCE1A3751BDFC%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/344fwe>

SPG Solar: <http://www.spgsolar.com/>

### 3-1-07 Carmanah Solar on Prince Edward Island

Carmanah Technologies Corporation announced that the company has been awarded a contract for \$1,423,402 from Public Works & Government Services Canada for a 108-kW solar power system to be installed on the roof of the Jean Canfield Building in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B8468ECA3%2D670B%2D4FD9%2D8F5D%2D63F5AA213CC3%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/2hdeo2>

Carmanah: <http://www.carmanah.com/>

### 3-1-07 Solar Partnerships, San Francisco, California

For San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom's press release on renewable energy generation in the City, including the plan to significantly expand solar, see: [http://sfgov.org/site/mayor\\_index.asp?id=55941](http://sfgov.org/site/mayor_index.asp?id=55941)

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Request for Information:

[http://www.sfwater.org/detail.cfm/MC\\_ID/12/MSC\\_ID/139/C\\_ID/3354](http://www.sfwater.org/detail.cfm/MC_ID/12/MSC_ID/139/C_ID/3354) or <http://tinyurl.com/3bh5pb>

### **3-1-07 Kyocera Alliance with Envision**

Kyocera Solar, Inc. announced a strategic alliance with Envision Solar, LLC, a San Diego based new business venture formed to develop and commercialize carport structures with integrated PV for U.S. and international customers. Press at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=47602> or <http://tinyurl.com/35eq8g>

Envision Solar: <http://www.envisionsolar.com/>

Kyocera Solar: <http://www.kyocerasolar.com/>

### **3-1-07 Solar EnerTech Plans**

Solar EnerTech Corp. reported on strategic milestones and is preparing to commence efforts at their R&D joint lab. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BCE56B922%2D6AD6%2D4529%2DA278%2DCD8B6A3BED11%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/35eok6>

The company plans to present and meet with analysts at key investor events in March. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B23F27CC4%2D0AD5%2D461E%2D83DA%2DD6A6E9D1699A%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/38374f>

Solar EnerTech: <http://www.solarenerotech.com/>

### **3-1-07 Silicon Production, Slovenia**

John Mott, COO of Solarvalue Proivodnja d.d. announced the recent start of engineering work on the equipment for solar silicon production in Ruse, Slovenia. Press through SolarPlaza

<http://www.solarplaza.com/content/news.php> at: <http://www.faz.net/d/invest/meldung.aspx?id=42516900>

Solarvalue: <http://www.solarvalue.com/>

### **3-1-07 Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness**

According to this press, the United States moved into number one for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2006 as the best place to invest in renewable energy. See more on the Ernst & Young Renewable Energy Country

Attractiveness Indices at: [http://www.greenprices.com/eu/newsletter/GPBE\\_41\\_070301/Investing.asp](http://www.greenprices.com/eu/newsletter/GPBE_41_070301/Investing.asp) or <http://tinyurl.com/36nd3o>

Ernst & Young: [http://www.ey.nl/?pag=2027&publicatie\\_id=2374](http://www.ey.nl/?pag=2027&publicatie_id=2374)

### **3-1-07 Solar Industry, Taiwan**

According to this press, the total production value of the nation's solar cell industry is estimated to reach NT\$20 billion (US\$605 million) to NT\$25 billion by 2010, a 4-fold expansion compared with the present value. See the story "Academics upbeat on solar cell industry" at the Taipei Times:

<http://www.taipetimes.com/News/biz/archives/2007/03/01/2003350563> or <http://tinyurl.com/24dbqq>

ITRI: <http://www.itri.org.tw/eng/index.jsp>

### **3-1-07 Conergy National Dealer Event**

Conergy announced the Conergy National Dealer Event to be held 1-3 April 2007 at the Sandia Resort and Casino in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The event will provide core technical training on renewable energy products, up-to-date market information, and key business training sessions to several hundred renewable energy professionals across North America. Details at Conergy:

<http://www.conergy.us/Desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-401/>

Conergy: <http://www.conergy.us/DesktopDefault.aspx>

### **3-1-07 IREC Newsletter [Jane Pulaski]**

For the latest issue of the Interstate Renewable Energy Council State and Stakeholders Newsletter, with coverage of IREC programs, schools going solar, interconnection / net metering, incentives & rebates, community outreach, training & certification, and other topics, see:

<http://irecusa.org/commout/enewsletter.html>

### **3-1-07 Alliance Semiconductor Sale of Interest in Solar Venture Partners**

Alliance Semiconductor Corporation announced that the company completed the previously announced sale of its 73.31% interest in Solar Venture Partners, L.P., a venture capital partnership. Press at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B225E4BAD%2D909D%2D4738%2DBEE5%2DCCCD1ED3A5F0%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/24a4aa>  
Alliance Semiconductor: <http://www.alsc.com/>

### **3-1-07 Western Regional Climate Action Initiative**

The Governors of Arizona, California, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington announced the formation of the Western Regional Climate Action Initiative to implement a joint strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Press at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=47599> or <http://tinyurl.com/35758c> and [http://www.yubanet.com/artman/publish/article\\_51903.shtml](http://www.yubanet.com/artman/publish/article_51903.shtml) and <http://www.reuters.com/article/politicsNews/idUSN2636822120070226> or <http://tinyurl.com/3bxrq5>  
National Governors Association: <http://www.nga.org/portal/site/nga>

### **3-1-07 Renewables RFP, Kansas**

Westar Energy is seeking bids to develop up to 500 MW of electricity from renewable sources. Information at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=47606&src=rss> or <http://tinyurl.com/2mh84j> and <http://www.westarenergy.com/renewable>  
The Green Power Network: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/financial/>

### **3-1-07 Research Reports International, U.S. Solar Power Market**

For information on Research Report International's 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of the U.S. Market for Solar Power report, see: [http://www.researchreportsintl.com/products/product.cfm?report\\_ID=97](http://www.researchreportsintl.com/products/product.cfm?report_ID=97) or <http://tinyurl.com/24xq4c>

### **3-2-07 PV for Water Treatment Plant, California**

San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders launched a new 1.135 MW solar power installation at San Diego's Alvarado Water Treatment Plant, built under a power purchase agreement with SunEdison. SunEdison will sell the solar energy to the City's Water Department at costs lower than SDG&E rates. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR747.htm>  
SunEdison: <http://www.sunedison.com/>  
CEC Renewable Energy Program: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/>

### **3-2-07 SunTechnics Installations for Santa Monica, California**

SunTechnics Energy Systems has been selected as exclusive commercial provider for phase one of Santa Monica's solar initiative which aims to reach a "Net-Zero-Community" status by 2017, with solar installations on 17,500 roofs and a total of 103 MW. Story at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story;jsessionid=B0BA374BA0BA0D42F025685E88EAC7AD?id=47618> or <http://tinyurl.com/3cfwcu>  
SunTechnics: [http://www.suntechnics.com/us/welcome\\_1st.htm](http://www.suntechnics.com/us/welcome_1st.htm)  
City of Santa Monica: <http://santa-monica.org/epd/residents/Energy/solar.htm>

### **3-2-07 PV Activities in Japan**

The February 2007 issue of PV Activities in Japan is available by subscription with coverage of PV targets, government and industry news, new products and applications, new systems and photos, and a thorough summary of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2006 (silicon feedstock, expansion of production capacity for crystalline silicon solar cells, emergence of next-generation solar cells and commercialization of R&D achievements, and financing through investors and venture businesses), as well as other news. Osamu Ikki, RTS Corporation, [ikki@rts-pv.com](mailto:ikki@rts-pv.com).

### **3-2-07 PHOTON Photovoltaic Technology Show 2007**

See information about the PHOTON Photovoltaic Technology Show 2007 in April 2007 in Munich at: <http://www.photon-expo.com>, <http://www.photon-expo.com/en/index.htm> and <http://www.photon-expo.com/ticket/index.aspx> as well as the conferences PHOTON organizes as part of the Show:

4<sup>th</sup> Solar Silicon Conference, 3 April at:

[http://www.photon-expo.com/en/pts\\_2007\\_europe/ssc\\_2007\\_program.htm](http://www.photon-expo.com/en/pts_2007_europe/ssc_2007_program.htm) or <http://tinyurl.com/27fpk3>

1<sup>st</sup> PV Production Equipment Conference, 4 April at: [http://www.photon-expo.com/en/pts\\_2007\\_europe/pvpec\\_2007\\_program.htm](http://www.photon-expo.com/en/pts_2007_europe/pvpec_2007_program.htm) or <http://tinyurl.com/yteyk7>

1<sup>st</sup> PV Investors Conference, 5 April at: [http://www.photon-expo.com/en/pts\\_2007\\_europe/pvic\\_2007\\_program.htm](http://www.photon-expo.com/en/pts_2007_europe/pvic_2007_program.htm) or <http://tinyurl.com/2bf2zo>

PHOTON International: <http://www.photon-magazine.com/>

### **3-2-07 Moser Baer Photo Voltaic PV Cell Production Facility**

Moser Baer India Ltd announced that Moser Baer Photo Voltaic Ltd has successfully completed final line integration and trials on its initial 40 MW crystalline PV cell production facility. The company said it remains on target to achieve 80 MW of capacity in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2007. Press at:

[http://www.nasdaq.com/aspxcontent/NewsStory.aspx?cpath=20070302%5cACQRTT200703020721RTT RADERUSEQUITY\\_0210.htm&](http://www.nasdaq.com/aspxcontent/NewsStory.aspx?cpath=20070302%5cACQRTT200703020721RTT RADERUSEQUITY_0210.htm&) or <http://tinyurl.com/2cnzls>

Moser Baer Photovoltaic: [http://www.moserbaer.com/aboutmoserbaer\\_subsidaries2.asp](http://www.moserbaer.com/aboutmoserbaer_subsidaries2.asp) or <http://tinyurl.com/38es8b>

### **3-2-07 More on SolarWorld in Hillsboro, Oregon**

See the article "Solar-cell firm buys factory in Hillsboro" at:

<http://159.54.226.83/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070302/BUSINESS/703020316/1040> or

<http://tinyurl.com/2f3eeo> and RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story.jsessionid=B0BA374BA0BA0D42F025685E88EAC7AD?id=47621> or <http://tinyurl.com/39lw7x>

SolarWorld Press: <http://www.solarworld.de/sw-eng/presse-adhoc/index.php> or <http://tinyurl.com/yt2pfx>

### **3-2-07 Advanced Energy Plans**

Advanced Energy Industries, Inc. announced plans to transfer manufacturing operations from the Stolberg, Germany site to the company's manufacturing locations in Shenzhen, China and Fort Collins, Colorado. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BBDE86E0D%2D3B2C%2D488F%2D81B0%2DA357475B960A%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/3cxutu>

Advanced Energy: <http://tinyurl.com/3cxutu>

### **3-2-07 Conergy Management Board**

Christian Langen has been appointed to the Management Board of Conergy AG. Press from Conergy:

<http://www.conergy.de/en/DesktopDefault.aspx>

<http://www.conergy.us/DesktopDefault.aspx>

### **3-2-07 Inverter Market**

See the story "Solar World: Market boom boosts inverters" at UPI:

<http://www.upi.com/Energy/view.php?StoryID=20070301-081832-3713r> or <http://tinyurl.com/2v2xdo>

### **3-2-07 What it Means to be Green**

Green Mountain Energy Company has been selected for the inaugural PLENETY 20 list. The list recognizes the top 20 eco-forward companies that are making a difference and redefining what it means to be green in the marketplace. More at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B22717105%2DF53E%2D44BE%2D8834%2D9A607DE90928%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/2q9ntf>

PLENTY 20: <http://www.plentymag.com/features/2007/01/the%5fplenty%5f20.php> or

<http://tinyurl.com/2dppta>

Green Mountain Energy: <http://www.greenmountain.com/>

### **3-2-07 British Columbia's Energy Independence**

The Canadian province of British Columbia could be energy self-sufficient by 2025 from renewable sources alone. See the story at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/infocus/story?id=47587> or <http://tinyurl.com/238nt7>

### ***In related solar news...***

#### **3-2-07 Solar Thermal in Israel**

Greenpeace welcomed the announcement from the Ministry of Infrastructure that the proposed solar power plant in Eshalim, Israel, originally proposed in 2001, will be put out to tender to private contractors. More at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=47623> or

<http://tinyurl.com/ypgmjl>

Greenpeace: <http://www.greenpeace.org/usa/>

#### **3-5-07 PV Project in Spain**

A 9.1 MW system was installed in Milagro by Acciona Solar S.A. and Caja Navarra. It includes 864 individual structures, most of which are tracking. Module suppliers were Isofoton, BP Solar, Yingli Solar, Schott Solar and Sanyo Electric. The project has been supported by 752 individual investors, who have collectively invested 65 million Euros. Story at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsEUPR332.htm>

Acciona: <http://www.acciona.es/>

#### **3-5-07 WorldWater & Power Contract**

WorldWater & Power Corp. announced that it has been awarded a contract worth \$5.7 million by Bayshore Recycling Corp. for installation of a 700-kW system at the company's Keasbey, New Jersey, headquarters. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR749.htm>

WorldWater & Power: <http://www.worldwater.com/>

#### **3-5-07 Applied Materials Markets**

See the story "Big machines, big aspirations, Applied Materials bets its solar-production gear will reshape market" at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/big-machines-big-aspirations-applied/story.aspx?guid=%7B50C1EE45%2D81AA%2D4526%2D87AB%2DC07DAD821854%7D> or

<http://tinyurl.com/ytedfw>

Applied Materials: <http://www.appliedmaterials.com/>

See reference to the interview, "Driving Down Solar Costs", with Charlie Gay, Applied Materials, at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/tvradio/playerfull.asp?guid={AA74CE54-7CC9-4287-BFB8-905324F5E3A3}&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk> or <http://tinyurl.com/ytjpk>

#### **3-5-07 Applied Materials Thin Film Solar Production Line for Moser Baer**

Applied Materials, Inc. announced that it has been selected by Moser Baer India Limited to develop and install in New Delhi, India, the first Generation(Gen) 8.5 Thin Film Solar Module Production Line. Story at:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASMA86.htm>

Applied Materials: <http://www.appliedmaterials.com/>

Moser Baer: <http://www.moserbaer.com/>

#### **3-5-07 Trina Solar Cell Production**

Trina Solar Limited announced it has successfully tested the capabilities of its newly installed cell line and anticipates that it will launch its 50 MW cell line in the beginning of April 2007. The company will continue to ramp up its cell line capacity throughout 2007 and is expected to reach a target capacity of 150 MW by the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASMA87.htm>

Trina Solar: <http://www.trinasolar.com/front/en/home.php>

### **3-5-07 Solar in Australia**

According to this article, solar power may score near the top of any carbon-correctness measure but its potential to ease Australia's looming electricity shortages is its main selling point. Press at:

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/business/solar-panels-in-german-shades/2007/03/04/1172943275976.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/3xjffk>

BP: <http://www.bp.com/home.do?categoryId=4810&contentId=7016088> or <http://tinyurl.com/2wn9jj>  
<http://www.bp.com/subsection.do?categoryId=9012286&contentId=7026693> or <http://tinyurl.com/2r5ujl>

### **3-5-07 Dyesol / University of Western Australia Next Generation DSC**

Dyesol Ltd and the University of Western Australia centre of excellence in nano-materials are embarking on development of the next generation of DSC material manufacturing techniques. See the press at:

<http://www.dyesol.com/index.php?page=NewsArticles&archiveitemid=5&archiveitemdatetime=2007-02-22%2009:48:24&archiveitemstart=1&archiveitemtotal=25&archiveitemlimit=3> or <http://tinyurl.com/2rchsz>

Dyesol: <http://www.dyesol.com/index.php?page=intro>  
<http://www.dyesol.com/index.php?page=News>

### **3-5-07 Solar Systems for Sunset Magazine's Idea Houses**

Ready Solar™ announced the selection of its solar energy system, Solar in a Box, featuring SunPower modules, for powering two of Sunset Magazine's 2007 Idea Houses. Press at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story;jsessionid=868E9AFDC1BD3816CE4EBE17CE75DEFD?id=47632> or <http://tinyurl.com/2vr2ax>

Ready Solar: <http://www.readysolar.com/>

Solar in a Box: <http://www.readysolar.com/products/>

Sunset Ideas Houses: <http://www.sunset.com/sunset/marketplace/superpackage/0,22336,844996,00.html>  
or <http://tinyurl.com/23xvhj>

### **3-5-07 California Energy Commission Hearing, Guidebooks**

For a notice of a CEC business meeting to consider adoption of Guideline Revisions for the Renewable Energy Program and RPS Implementation, and the five draft guidebooks, see:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/documents/index.html#031407>

### **3-5-07 APS Renewable RFP**

Arizona Public Service is requesting proposals for near- and long-term new sources of renewable energy that can be delivered to the company's electrical system. The RFP includes solar, wind, hybrid wind and solar, biomass/biogas, hydropower, fuel cells that use renewable fuels and geothermal. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B02BF9A52%2D8EB8%2D4557%2D903D%2D360442E9DD57%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/ynk56h>

APS Renewable RFP: <http://www.aps.com/aps/rfp/default.html>

### **3-5-07 Investment Tax Credit**

For more information on activity on the Investment Tax Credits, see SEIA at: <http://seia.org/itc.php>

### **3-5-07 XsunX Capabilities**

XsunX, Inc. announced that Robert Wendt has joined the company's management staff as Vice President of Engineering. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B8398D4B0%2D1138%2D4792%2DBFF0%2D2565042B13FA%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/2fjez4>

XsunX: <http://tinyurl.com/2fjez4>

### **3-5-07 ECD Management Succession**

According to this press, Energy Conversion Devices, Inc. is beginning to implement its management succession plan. More at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BCD05AA13%2D1CF1%2D467A%2DBE31%2D40ECC743E827%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/29voh1>

ECD: <http://www.ovonic.com/>

### **3-5-07 Sustainable Energy Technologies Results**

Sustainable Energy Technologies Ltd. reported its financial and operating results for the quarter ended 31 December 2006. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BA62B86E4%2D6099%2D44E7%2D8230%2DDDBFF089BF510%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/yuq7jl>

Sustainable Energy Technologies: <http://www.sustainableenergy.com/SET-home/index.html>

### **3-5-07 PV Powered Executive Appointments**

PV Powered announced the appointment of Gregg Patterson as CEO and Chairman of the Board, and Erick Petersen as Vice President of Marketing and Business Development. Story at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/newsNACO533.htm>

PV Powered: <http://www.pvpowered.com/>

### **3-5-07 Marketing Green Power**

For information on the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Marketing Green Power conference 19-20 April 2007 in Chicago, visit:

[https://www.euci.com/conferences/0407-green-power/agenda.php?q=carol\\_riordan@nrel.gov&c=C41.1062108.321.2.0102](https://www.euci.com/conferences/0407-green-power/agenda.php?q=carol_riordan@nrel.gov&c=C41.1062108.321.2.0102) or <http://tinyurl.com/ytn7yb>

### **3-5-07 Cleantech Investors**

See the story “Jefferies Survey Finds Cleantech Investors Bullish on Solar Power, Ethanol and Hybrid Transportation” at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B21D5E41E%2D0861%2D4FDE%2DAE01%2D4223A25CE34F%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/2fq5f9>

Jefferies: <http://www.jefferies.com/>

### **3-5-07 PV Med**

For information on the Second Photovoltaic Mediterranean Conference, 19-20 April 2007 in Athens, Greece, visit:

<http://www.pvmed.org/index.php?id=152>

### **3-5-07 Potential Benefits of Distributed Generation**

For information on the study “The Potential Benefits of Distributed Generation and Rate-related Issues That may Impede Their Expansion”, see the DOE site at: <http://www.oe.energy.gov/651.htm>

### **3-5-07 Renewables in Florida [SEIA Newsletter]**

In response to the 2006 Request for Grant Proposals, which closed November 30<sup>th</sup>, Florida’s Department of Environmental Protection received 183 grant proposals seeking nearly \$215 million in grant funding and providing more than \$505 million in cost share for renewable energy projects. More information at:

<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/energy/energyact/grants.htm>

Other news from Florida:

Progress Energy Florida announced a renewable-energy program. More at: <http://www.progress-energy.com/aboutus/news/article.asp?id=15822> or <http://tinyurl.com/yuho4s>

Progress Energy: <http://www.progress-energy.com/>

Seminole Electric Cooperative of Tampa, Florida, issued a request for proposals seeking renewable capacity and energy produced in Florida to service its member systems. Seminole seeks proposals from qualified and eligible bidders to provide up to 150 MW of firm renewable capacity and energy beginning as early as December 1, 2007. More at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=47641> or <http://tinyurl.com/2f55ev>

Seminole Electric: <http://www.seminole-electric.com/>

### **3-5-07 Strategic Support Examples**

Mark C. Robinson’s website, TheEnergyGrid offers Internet marketing services, including website design, solar-powered web hosting, and strategic search engine optimization. See the press at

RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/author?id=4>

TheEnergyGrid: <http://theenergygrid.com/Flash/>

Dr. Gerwin Dreesmann has launched the Business Institute Solar Strategy, a commercial institute for strategy development and implementation monitoring in the area of solar technologies. For more information on BISS, see: <http://www.solar-strategy.com/>

### **3-5-07 Electric Cars**

A trust fund based in Atlanta, Georgia has placed an initial order for 40 electric cars and trucks from ZAP. The trust fund is setting up a dealership with ZAP to distribute the XEBRA electric car and truck in the Atlanta area. The XEBRA plugs into a standard 110-volt outlet, and also has an optional solar charging panel. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B6B9B607E%2D1769%2D4C35%2DBBE6%2D3E5AEAF3B%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/2dzswb>

ZAP: <http://www.zapworld.com/>

### **3-5-07 Sun Position**

SEPA Newsletter's featured tool in the recent issue is a Sun Position Calculator. See:

<http://www.sunposition.net/sunposition/spc/locations.php>

Solar Electric Power Association: <http://www.solarelectricpower.org/>

### **3-5-07 Ideal Anti-Reflection Coating**

According to this press, a team of researchers at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has created the world's first material that reflects virtually no light. See the story at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BD295E8E0%2DEEED%2D4969%2D9425%2D87E7542C9859%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/36grc8>

### **3-6-07 PV Systems for Vineyards, California**

SolarCraft announced that it has completed the design and installation of a 30-kW solar electric system for Wellington Vineyards in Glen Ellen, California. The system comprises 174 Mitsubishi 170 watt solar panels. Story at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B98A962FC%2D51B1%2D4484%2DA29F%2D4FB86F5ACAB1%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/2a3jtp>

SolarCraft: <http://www.solarcraft.com/>

Mitsubishi: <http://global.mitsubishielectric.com/bu/solar/index.html>

### **3-6-07 More on Moser Baer / Applied Materials**

Moser Baer India Ltd announced that the company has entered into a technology partnership with Applied Materials, Inc. to set up a thin film solar fab with an investment of \$250 million over the next 3 years. More at:

[http://www.nasdaq.com/aspxcontent/NewsStory.aspx?cpath=20070306%5cACQRTT200703060126RTT%2DRADERUSEQUITY\\_0056.htm&](http://www.nasdaq.com/aspxcontent/NewsStory.aspx?cpath=20070306%5cACQRTT200703060126RTT%2DRADERUSEQUITY_0056.htm&) or <http://tinyurl.com/3e46vu>

Moser Baer: <http://www.moserbaer.net/>

Applied Materials: <http://www.appliedmaterials.com/>

### **3-6-07 More on SOLA in NOLA**

See the story "Greening the Future of New Orleans", including photos of new PV systems at

RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=47637>

Previous story: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=47592>

### **3-6-07 Solar Option for ZAP Truck**

After a positive response for XEBRA XERO, ZAP has designed a solar option for its truck design – a PV panel that ZAP says can offer short-distance driving on sunlight alone. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B39EFE6FA%2D9C2C%2D4C57%2DA8F5%2D07AD72EF8104%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/35buu9>

ZAP: <http://www.zapworld.com/>

### **3-6-07 Purdue Solar Racing Team**

The Purdue Solar Racing team is working on a new car in preparation for the 2008 North American Solar Challenge. See the press at: [http://www.purdueexponent.org/index.php?module=article&story\\_id=4690](http://www.purdueexponent.org/index.php?module=article&story_id=4690) or <http://tinyurl.com/2ndsou>

### **3-6-07 Green Concerts**

Green Mountain Energy Company and Sustainable Waves, a national provider of mobile solar powered sound and staging solutions, announced Eco-Tunes(SM) – the first comprehensive program for carbon neutral music tours and events, which includes the availability of solar-powered stages and sound systems. The initiative also includes the option for concertgoers to purchase a Be Green Ticket(SM) for the events. More at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B46584B3F%2DE8D6%2D40CD%2DB834%2D4C8D656C5324%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/32joua>

Green Mountain Energy: <http://www.greenmountain.com/>

Sustainable Waves: <http://www.sustainablewaves.com/>

### **3-6-07 Investor Conference**

For information on the investor conference “Investing in the Environment: Global Warming, Global Warning – Investing Today for Tomorrow’s Future”, March 21, 2007, see:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BEE827F55%2D9378%2D4E64%2DBDB7%2DD377D482A374%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/2jg5dh>

InvestorIdeas.com: <http://www.investorideas.com/forums/Register.aspx>

### **3-6-07 Solar Power Project Finance and Investment Summit**

For more on the Solar Power Project Finance & Investment Summit, 9-11 May 2007 in San Diego, California, visit: <http://www.infocastinc.com/solar07.html>

Pre-summit workshop: <http://www.infocastinc.com/solar07/workshop.html>

### **3-6-07 CEC RPS Verification Workshop**

The California Energy Commission will hold a workshop to discuss the staff draft Renewables Portfolio Standard 2005 Procurement Verification report 15 March. Information at:

[http://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/notices/2007-03-15\\_workshop\\_notice.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/notices/2007-03-15_workshop_notice.html) or <http://tinyurl.com/yto9be>

### **3-6-07 DOE FY 2008 Budget Hearings**

House Appropriations Energy & Water Subcommittee, 3-6-07.

House Science and Technology Energy & Environment Subcommittee, 3-7-07.

### ***In related solar news...***

#### **3-6-07 Solar Hot Water Systems for Project**

TrendSetter Solar Products announced that it signed a Letter of Intent to supply \$1,250,000 of solar thermal hot water systems to Nova Design + Builds for their 75-home Apple Ranch project over the next 60 months. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B2B7BE688%2D5563%2D4340%2DB2C3%2D1DBD962B366C%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/36lq3d>

TrendSetter: <http://www.trendsetterindustries.com/>

#### **3-7-07 Silicon Valley Solar Agreement with Conergy**

Silicon Valley Solar announced that it has finalized an agreement with Conergy AG that will enable a more rapid market introduction of the company’s Sol-X2 internal concentrator solar modules. Press at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO534.htm>

SV Solar: <http://www.sv-solar.com/>

Conergy: <http://www.conergy.com/>

### **3-7-07 PV News**

The latest issue of PVNews™ published by the Prometheus Institute [subscription] includes the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual review of global PV production – noting a 40% growth in global cell production in 2006. Also included in this issue is coverage of US grid-tied installations, company and project news, PV research, PV news from Europe, Asia, and the U.S., and other topics. See the Prometheus Institute for Sustainable Development: <http://www.prometheus.org/>  
PVNews™: <http://www.prometheus.org/research/pvnews>

### **3-7-07 Xantrex Contract with SOLON**

Xantrex Technology Inc. announced that it has signed a contract with SOLON AG, valued at about US\$7.5 million, to supply solar grid-tie inverters. Press at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BA7E10F80%2D5696%2D466A%2DA825%2D58A12F01BCC5%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/38fhol>  
Xantrex: <http://www.xantrex.com/>  
SOLON AG: <http://www.solonag.com/>

### **3-7-07 Solar America Initiative Funding**

According to DOE Media Advisories, Secretary of Energy Samuel W. Bodman will tour Konarka Global Headquarters and host a press conference to announce funding for President Bush's Solar America Initiative, 8 March 2007, in Lowell, Massachusetts. Also on March 8, DOE Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Alexander Karsner will tour United Solar Ovonic LLC in Auburn Hills, Michigan, and will host a press conference to announce funding for President Bush's Solar America Initiative. Advisories at: <http://www.energy.gov/news/4836.htm>  
<http://www.energy.gov/news/4837.htm>  
Solar America Initiative: [http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar\\_america/](http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america/)

### **3-7-07 Costs and Benefits of State RPSs**

For a copy of a new Berkeley Lab report, "Weighing the Costs and Benefits of State Renewables Portfolio Standards: A Comprehensive Analysis of State-Level Policy Impact Projects", go to: <http://eetd.lbl.gov/ea/ems/reports/61580.pdf>  
A PowerPoint presentation that summarizes key findings can be found at: <http://eetd.lbl.gov/ea/ems/reports/61580-ppt.pdf>  
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Electricity Markets and Policy: <http://eetd.lbl.gov/ea/ems/emp-new.html>

### **3-7-07 Solarfun Results**

Solarfun Power Holdings Co, Ltd. announced unaudited financial results for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and full fiscal year 2006. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASCO96.htm>  
Solarfun: <http://www.solarfun.com.cn/yq/index.asp>

### **3-7-07 Solar India 2007**

For information on "Solar India 2007" set for 19-20 July 2007 in Bangalore, visit: <http://solarindia07.wisein.org/>  
World Institute of Sustainable Energy: <http://www.wisein.org/>

### **3-7-07 SunPower CSI Survivor Seminars**

SunPower Consulting, LLC announced results of its CSI Survivor Seminars hosted over 4 days in 4 cities, which brought together more than 200 installers, project developers, solar manufacturers, solar software providers, financial services companies, metering and monitoring services as well as program managers of the California utilities and the executive directors of CalSEIA and ASPv. See the story at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story;jsessionid=D8A611E43E50BBDEC08441E7208C5A7F?id=47667> or <http://tinyurl.com/2t7nl6>  
SunPower Consulting: <http://www.sunpowerconsultingllc.com/>

### **3-7-07 Silicon Supply**

See the story "Good Pain: How the Solar Silicon Shortage Spurred Change and Innovation", by Mike Taylor, Solar Electric Power Association, at:

<http://www.aredi.org/coreModules/content/contentDisplay.aspx?contentID=2811> or  
<http://tinyurl.com/3xq5g6>

### **3-7-07 Power-Gen Coverage**

See the story "The Politics of Renewable Energy at PGRE&F 2007" with coverage of the Power-Gen Renewable Energy & Fuels conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=47663>  
Additional Coverage: <http://blogs.renewableenergyaccess.com/pgre/>

### **3-7-07 Solar to Mitigate Global Warming**

Solar energy has the power to reduce greenhouse gases and provide increased energy efficiency according to a report published in the March issue of Physics Today. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BA5B1BE2F%2D2886%2D4E57%2DAE49%2DC0E349CA6722%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/2o7ba2>

Physics Today: [http://ptonline.aip.org/journals/doc/PHTOAD-ft/vol\\_60/iss\\_3/37\\_1.shtml](http://ptonline.aip.org/journals/doc/PHTOAD-ft/vol_60/iss_3/37_1.shtml) or  
<http://tinyurl.com/2u69oh>

### **3-7-07 Global Clean-Energy Markets**

Global clean-energy markets are poised to quadruple in the next decade, growing from \$55.4 billion in revenues in 2006 to more than \$226.5 billion by 2016 for four benchmark technologies according to the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Clean Energy Trends report released by Clean Edge, Inc. See more on "Clean Energy Trends 2007" at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B17EAE5F9%2DFFD7%2D41F4%2DB67D%2D495AA574FF70%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/368ra2>

Clean Edge: <http://www.cleandge.com/>

### **3-7-07 Solar Powered Salmon Fishery**

According to this press, the world's first solar-powered salmon fishery is being developed under a partnership announced between Lummi Island Wild Coop and Alpha Energy. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B012E9424%2D6116%2D4270%2D9860%2D06A57B64BEB8%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/29ljbq>

Lummi Island Wild: <http://www.lummiislandwild.com/>

Alpha Energy: <http://www.alpha.com/Renewable-Energy.aspx>

### **3-7-07 Solar-powered Water Treatment Machine**

For press on the wind- and solar-powered Solar Cube, which can provide up to 3,500 gallons of clean drinking water per day, see:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B5541C669%2D7480%2D4D95%2D860D%2D877D6C339B83%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/2unk76>

Spectra Watermachines™: <http://www.spectrawatermakers.com/>

### **3-7-07 Distributed Energy Joint Venture with Morgan Stanley**

Distributed Energy Systems Corp. announced that it has entered into a joint venture with Morgan Stanley to develop and finance power generation projects. The agreement represents the successful conclusion of Distributed Energy Systems' previously announced goal of attracting a financing partner to support and accelerate development of renewable and efficiency-enhancing projects in the U.S. More at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BBFCE0707%2D7936%2D41DC%2DA7DC%2DEE6733C46CEC%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/2zrof2>

Distributed Energy Systems: <http://www.distributed-energy.com/>

### **3-7-07 Equity Research Coverage of Alternative Energy**

Credit Suisse announced expanded equity research coverage of alternative energy. Press at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B3C10AD2D%2DF80C%2D43F0%2DB088%2D2B547B19E34A%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/2k4sy>  
Credit Suisse: [http://www.credit-suisse.com/country\\_selection/en/index.html](http://www.credit-suisse.com/country_selection/en/index.html)

### **3-7-07 HelioDynamics Funding**

HelioDynamics Ltd announced funding progress. See coverage at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B544737BD%2D2AEF%2D4088%2D8189%2D2675305252F5%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/28yxb2>  
HD Solar: <http://www.heliodynamics.com/>  
<http://www.hdsolar.com/>

### ***In related solar news...***

### **3-7-07 LS Power Solar Power Plant, Arizona**

LS Power Group has initiated the development of a stand-alone solar power plant near its natural gas-fueled Arlington Valley Energy Facility, a 570 MW combined-cycle plant in Maricopa County, Arizona. See the story at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B0EDF3957%2D2F14%2D451F%2D98B7%2DC1945A845D10%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/2ph6hl>  
LS Power Group: <http://www.lspower.com/>

### **3-8-07 Solar America Initiative Funding**

U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Samuel W. Bodman announced the selection of 13 industry-led solar technology development projects for negotiation for up to \$168 million (FY 07-09) in funding, subject to appropriations from Congress. Said Bodman, "Solar technology can play a crucial role in moving toward affordable net zero energy homes and businesses – which combine energy efficiency and renewable energy produced on-site." See the DOE press release at: <http://www.energy.gov/news/4855.htm>  
For more information, go to the Solar America Initiative Web pages at: [http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar\\_america/sai\\_press\\_release\\_030807.html](http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america/sai_press_release_030807.html) [Press release]  
[http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar\\_america/technology\\_pathway\\_partnerships.html](http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america/technology_pathway_partnerships.html) [see March 8 News; March 8 Overview (3.3 MB file)]  
Funding Opportunities: [http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar\\_america/funding\\_opportunities.html](http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america/funding_opportunities.html) [see Technology Pathway Partnerships]  
[http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar\\_america/](http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america/)

### **3-8-07 Additional Coverage of SAI Funding**

For additional coverage of the SAI funding announcements, see the Solar Energy Industries Association statement at: <http://www.seia.org/solarnews.php?id=137>  
And other press:  
[Konarka] <http://www.konarka.com/pr/030807.php>  
<http://www.9news.com/money/article.aspx?storyid=66013>  
[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070308/ap\\_on\\_hi\\_te/flexible\\_solar\\_cells\\_1](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070308/ap_on_hi_te/flexible_solar_cells_1) or <http://tinyurl.com/253mox>  
<http://www.konarka.com/>  
[SunPower]  
<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B5389437F%2DFBEA%2D45C3%2D92F3%2D2E46E2F238D7%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/293hz7>  
<http://www.sunpowercorp.com/home.html>  
Also, on Friday, March 9, 2007, U.S. Department of Energy Under Secretary for Science, Dr. Raymond L. Orbach, will tour Spectrolab and host a press conference to discuss America's growing economy as well as the funding announcement on the President's Solar America Initiative. Media Alert at: <http://www.energy.gov/news/4840.htm>

### **3-8-07 Dan David Prize Laureates**

Two scientists at the DOE's National Renewable Energy Laboratory have been named Dan David Prize Laureates for 2007. Jerry Olson and Sarah Kurtz are receiving their award in a March 8 ceremony in Paris. The NREL scientists are sharing the prize in the "Future Time Dimension: Quest for Energy" with NASA climate scientist James Hansen. Kurtz and Olson were selected for their "exceptional and profound contributions to the field of photovoltaic energy." See the press at:

<http://www.nrel.gov/news/press/2007/502.html> and

[http://www.eere.energy.gov/news/progress\\_alerts/progress\\_alert.asp?aid=218](http://www.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts/progress_alert.asp?aid=218) or

<http://tinyurl.com/2pppud>

Dan David Prize: [http://www.dandavidprize.com/laureates/future2007-kurtz\\_olson.html](http://www.dandavidprize.com/laureates/future2007-kurtz_olson.html) or

<http://tinyurl.com/yyllale>

### **3-8-07 Solar EnerTech Private Placement / CEO Interview**

Solar EnerTech Corp. announced the completion of a private placement with institutional investors for \$8.3 million. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B77D816B6%2D4515%2D479E%2DB042%2D52C4BD946588%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/3e5q8w>

Solar EnerTech: <http://www.solarenertech.com/>

SmallCapVoice.com, Inc. announced that an audio interview is available featuring Mr. Leo S. Young, CEO of Solar EnerTech. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B31CB4B75%2D59DD%2D4800%2DAB69%2DE10A9CA8BF23%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/yqwzsj>

SmallCapVoice.com: <http://www.smallcapvoice.com/soen/soen-3-6-07.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/yr373f>

### **3-8-07 Yingli Solar IPO**

According to this press, Yingli Solar is planning a partial listing on the New York Stock Exchange in April.

Story at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=47695>

Press: [http://www.pacificepoch.com/newsstories/91615\\_0\\_5\\_0\\_M/](http://www.pacificepoch.com/newsstories/91615_0_5_0_M/)

Yingli Solar: <http://www.yinglisolar.com/>

### **3-8-07 Solar-powered Lighting Solutions**

SolarOne®, LLC announced that EarthKind Energy has joined the SolarOne network as a Manufacturer's Representative. See SolarOne® Solutions at: <http://www.solarone.net/News/PRindex.html>

EarthKind Energy: <http://www.earthkindenergy.com/>

### **3-8-07 Solar Connecticut**

Solar Connecticut, Inc. announced the launch of a new website that offers details on a number of member companies, installations, upcoming events and announcements. The next general meeting for Solar Connecticut is March 20<sup>th</sup> at the University of Connecticut where discussions will include an update on activities in the CT State Legislature, roundtable discussions on developing a solar workforce, and the latest in solar thermal technologies. Solar Connecticut Website: <http://www.solarconnecticut.org/>

### **3-8-07 Coverage of Power-Gen**

See the story "Rah-rah renewables" with coverage of the Power-Gen conference at CNNMoney:

<http://money.cnn.com/2007/03/07/news/economy/renewables/index.htm?postversion=2007030717> or

<http://tinyurl.com/382632>

### **3-8-07 PV Powered UL Listing**

PV Powered, Inc. announced that the company's entire line of residential solar inverters has passed the full sequence of testing to the latest version of the UL 1741 standard and has been listed by Underwriters Laboratories Inc. Press at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story;jsessionid=68942808BF0B2BF6784119574C88C571?id=47676> or <http://tinyurl.com/3c9bqr>

PV Powered: <http://www.pvpowered.com/>

### **3-8-07 Solar Concentrator Concept**

See the story “Balloon technology could cut cost of solar energy 90% by 2010” at: <http://news.mongabay.com/2007/0221-coolearth.html>. For more on CoolEarth Renewable Energy technology, see the Website – including the presentation – at: <http://www.coolearthsolar.com/>

### **3-8-07 Renewable Energy Credits**

World Energy Solutions announced the completion of its first online forward auction for selling renewable energy credits, which was conducted for MMA Renewable Ventures, LLC. More at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO535.htm>  
World Energy: <http://www.worldenergy.com/>  
MMA Renewable Ventures: <http://www.mmarenewableventures.com/>

### **3-8-07 Automated Production Lines**

Per this article, as the PV industry matures, a number of suppliers in low-cost markets are turning to high-quality automated production lines. See the story “Low-Cost Market Interest in Automated Equipment” featuring P.Energy at ENF.cn: <http://www.enf.cn/news/070307/1447.html>  
P.Energy: <http://nuke.penergy.it/>

### **3-8-07 PV in India**

See the article “Tap the sun for energy independent India” through SolarPlaza <http://www.solarplaza.com/content/news.php> at:  
<http://www.merineews.com/catFull.jsp?articleID=124457&catID=4&category=Technology&rtFlg=rtFlg> or  
<http://tinyurl.com/2ghyc8>

### **3-8-07 PV in China**

See “China nomads on energy’s cutting edge” at:  
[http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/techinnovations/2006-08-30-china-nomads-renewables\\_x.htm?csp=34](http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/techinnovations/2006-08-30-china-nomads-renewables_x.htm?csp=34) or <http://tinyurl.com/2g493m>

### **3-8-07 Low Impact Living**

Low Impact Living provides homeowners with information and tools they need to reduce their environmental footprint. More information at:  
<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B040AFE7D%2D304E%2D451E%2DBFF6%2D74A3DE163864%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symp> or <http://tinyurl.com/25fll0>  
Low Impact Living: <http://www.lowimpactliving.com/>

### **3-8-07 Building Integrated PV**

For an article on BIPV at UPI, see: <http://www.upi.com/Energy/view.php?StoryID=20070302-115732-5363r> or <http://tinyurl.com/yPMC7I>

### **3-8-07 Feed-in Tariffs, UK**

A new report from Research and Markets looks at the feed-in tariffs of UK electricity companies – nPower, Powergen, EDF Energy, Southern Electric, Good Energy, and Ecotricity. Information at:  
<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B57B3B6A2%2D494B%2D4FB6%2D836B%2D2C3AB89F4B1F%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symp> or <http://tinyurl.com/ywpjjo>  
Research and Markets: <http://www.researchandmarkets.com/reports/c51640>

### **3-8-07 FY 2008 DOE R&D Budget Testimony**

For a press release from the House Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, on the DOE FY 08 R&D Budget, see:  
<http://science.house.gov/press/PRArticle.aspx?NewsID=1709>  
Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Alexander Karsner’s testimony can be found at: [http://www.eere.energy.gov/office\\_eere/congressional\\_test\\_030707\\_house.html](http://www.eere.energy.gov/office_eere/congressional_test_030707_house.html) or  
<http://tinyurl.com/yujeox>  
[http://democrats.science.house.gov/Media/File/Commdocs/hearings/2007/energy/07mar/karsner\\_testimony.pdf](http://democrats.science.house.gov/Media/File/Commdocs/hearings/2007/energy/07mar/karsner_testimony.pdf) or <http://tinyurl.com/2sb2cy>

Under Secretary for Science Dr. Raymond L. Orbach's testimony can be found at:

<http://democrats.science.house.gov/Media/File/Commdocs/hearings/2007/energy/07mar/orbach%20testimony.pdf>

<http://tinyurl.com/2sdqkv> (e.g., search pdf for "solar")

### **3-9-07 More on Solar America Initiative Funding**

For more on the Solar America Initiative funding, see:

Solarbuzz coverage

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAGO324.htm>

RenewableEnergyAccess coverage

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=47697>

Press on Practical Instruments

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BAE51CF%2D6F07%2D4BF5%2DB18A%2D2A3371D53E2E%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/2ma8gu>

Press on Konarka and GreenRay

[http://www.boston.com/business/ticker/2007/03/two\\_local\\_solar.html](http://www.boston.com/business/ticker/2007/03/two_local_solar.html) or <http://tinyurl.com/26tuba>

[http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/business/16867758.htm?source=rss&channel=cctimes\\_business](http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/business/16867758.htm?source=rss&channel=cctimes_business) or <http://tinyurl.com/3brkcf>

Press on BP

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BAA9DA087%2DB61F%2D4CCF%2D9E96%2DE5E68C8BFC18%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/yvql72>

Press on Uni-Solar:

[http://www.theoaklandpress.com/stories/030907/loc\\_2007030930.shtml](http://www.theoaklandpress.com/stories/030907/loc_2007030930.shtml) or <http://tinyurl.com/2nnpny>

California companies

[http://www.insidebayarea.com/business/ci\\_5394037](http://www.insidebayarea.com/business/ci_5394037)

Dan David Prize, Concentrators, SAI

<http://compoundsemiconductor.net/articles/news/11/3/10/1>

Other examples

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601102&sid=aPGoXyuycjCo> or <http://tinyurl.com/37d8ur>

Solar America Initiative: [http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar\\_america/](http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america/)

DOE Press: <http://www.doe.gov/news/4855.htm>

### **3-9-07 More on Dan David Prize for Two NREL Scientists**

Two scientists at the DOE's National Renewable Energy Laboratory were named Dan David Prize Laureates for 2007 and received their award in Paris. See the press at:

<http://www.photonics.com/content/news/2007/March/8/86858.aspx>

Additional coverage at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=47690>

NREL: <http://www.nrel.gov/>

### **3-9-07 Concentrating Solar Cell Receiver Assembly**

Delta Electronics announced that it has successfully completed the development of a certified and cost effective assembly process for the manufacture of concentrating PV modules. Delta collaborated with several companies in the field, including Spectrolab. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B862AE897%2D18FB%2D4B3B%2D81BD%2DF61499A0F3B4%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/2jtxjj>

Delta: <http://www.deltaww.com/>

Spectrolab: <http://www.spectrolab.com/>

### **3-9-07 ICP Solar Roof Tiles**

According to this press, ICP Solar Technologies will come out with a line of roof tiles with built-in solar cells. See the press at: [http://news.zdnet.com/2100-9596\\_22-6165822.html](http://news.zdnet.com/2100-9596_22-6165822.html)

ICP Solar: <http://www.icpsolar.com/>

### **3-9-07 Price of Solar Energy**

See the story “Chinese Manufacturer Works to Lower the Price of Solar Energy” featuring Trina Solar at: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/ibd/20070309/bs\\_ibd\\_ibd/200738newamer](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ibd/20070309/bs_ibd_ibd/200738newamer)  
Trina Solar: <http://www.trinasolar.com/front/en/home.php>

### **3-9-07 Akeena Financing**

Akeena Solar, Inc. announced it raised approximately \$4.1 million of gross proceeds in a private investment in public equity offering. Press at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B9636E865%2D467F%2D458D%2DA5C4%2DA9A294BD9E4B%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/33o7g3>  
Akeena: <http://www.akeena.net/cm/Home.html>

### **3-9-07 Center for Solar Research, UC Irvine**

An anonymous donor has given UC Irvine \$3.9 million to create a Center for Solar Research. See the story at: [http://www.ocregister.com/ocregister/homepage/abox/article\\_1609822.php](http://www.ocregister.com/ocregister/homepage/abox/article_1609822.php) or <http://tinyurl.com/ypdtlv>

### **3-9-07 Solar Module Factory, Hungary**

Hungarian solar panel maker HelioGrid announced that it will establish a 50-MW per year PV module facility in Nograd county. Press at: <http://www.portfolio.hu/en/cikkek.tdp?cCheck=1&k=2&i=11295>  
HelioGrid: <http://www.heliogrid.com/>

### **3-9-07 Silicon Solar Panel Line**

Silicon Solar Inc. unveiled two new additions to its solar panel line. Press at: [http://www.businessportal24.com/en/Silicon\\_Solar\\_Inc\\_Unveils\\_New\\_145598.html](http://www.businessportal24.com/en/Silicon_Solar_Inc_Unveils_New_145598.html) or <http://tinyurl.com/23oywq>  
Silicon Solar: <http://www.siliconsolar.com/>

### **3-9-07 Solar Cluster Project, Borneo**

See information on the “Solar Cluster Project” in the article “Brunei could be first in world to run purely on solar energy” at: <http://www.brunei-online.com/bb/fri/mar9h22.htm>

### **3-9-07 Renewable Energy Equipment Market, South Africa**

See the article “Renewable Energy Equipment Market Set for Spectacular Growth in SA”, at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BF262588A%2DBD42%2D46D7%2D98A3%2D1965A8288506%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/32ng57>  
Frost & Sullivan: <http://www.frost.com/prod/servlet/svcg.pag/EG00>

### **3-9-07 Air Force Platforms for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

According to Energy & Environment Daily [subscription], the Air Force plans to select two bases, one in a northern climate and one in a southern climate, to serve as platforms for enhancing energy efficiency and alternative-energy programs that will be deployed at other bases.  
E&E Daily [subscription]: [http://www.eenews.net/learn\\_more/about\\_EEDaily](http://www.eenews.net/learn_more/about_EEDaily)

### **3-9-07 Solar Photos at Yahoo**

See: [http://news.search.yahoo.com/search/news?ei=UTF-8&p=solar&adv=1&n=10&fr=&c=news\\_photos](http://news.search.yahoo.com/search/news?ei=UTF-8&p=solar&adv=1&n=10&fr=&c=news_photos) or <http://tinyurl.com/3dc7c9>

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### **3-9-07 Nevada Solar One Start Up Plans**

Nevada Solar One is expected to start generating power next month. See the story “Solar One is a ‘go’ for launch” at: [http://www.lvbusinesspress.com/articles/2007/03/08/news/iq\\_12851348.txt](http://www.lvbusinesspress.com/articles/2007/03/08/news/iq_12851348.txt) or <http://tinyurl.com/ypkob7>